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AAAS CEO Rush Holt issued the following statement on House passage of 21st Century Cures Act:

"The American Association for the Advancement of Science applauds the bipartisan support for the Innovation Account in the 21st Century Cures Act, a bill the House passed on Wednesday, Nov. 30. The account includes critical funding to advance biomedical research at the National Institutes of Health (NIH). We are especially pleased that this robust funding will augment and not replace important investments in NIH through regular appropriations. Over the past decade, NIH's purchasing power has greatly eroded, resulting in lost scientific opportunities and threatening to discourage the next generation of talented biomedical scientists and engineers. The steady growth that this authorization bill will provide for NIH and biomedical research will go a long way to encourage new innovations and advancements in science, and lay a bold path forward."

-- Rush Holt, chief executive officer, American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS)

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